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(b) why and from whom these proposals originated;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the Inam Commissioner proposed to enfranchise these lands in favour of the existing holders, and that his proposals were not given effect to owing to the view held by the then Agent to the Governor that the retention of services will be useful; and

(d) whether they will be pleased to lay all the correspondence on the table?

A.—(a) 1926.

(b) From the Board of Revenue. The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to his question No. 1661 for the grounds of the proposal.

(c) & (d) The relevant orders passed by the Government from time to time on this subject have been placed on the table of the house in connexion with question No. 1566 asked by Mr. Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo.

Land Revenue

Recruitment of Revenue Inspectors for South Kanara.

*1663 Q.—Mr. Mahmud Schamnad Sahib: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Revenue Inspectors directly recruited for South Kanara since the system of direct recruitment of Revenue Inspectors was instituted; and

(b) how many of them were Christians, Muhammadans, depressed classes, and other Hindus?

A.—(a) Fifteen.

(b) Three Christians, one Muhammadan and eleven Hindus. It is not known if any of the Hindus belonged to the depressed classes.

Provision of chavadies for villages with a population of five hundred and over.

*1664 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to East and West Godavari and Kistna—

(a) the total number of villages with a population of five hundred and more in each district;

(b) how many of them have got village chavadies; and

(c) how many of these chavadies are in good repair?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the Village Statistics relating to the Godavari and Kistna districts copies of which are to be found in the Secretariat Library.

(b) & (c) The Government have not the information required. They understand, however, that in 1923 there were altogether 165 village chavadies in the East Godavari district and 91 in the old Kistna district.